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A strand-form vehicle seal is equipped with a flexible reinforcement with a substantially U-cross section. The seal is formed of a flexible reinforcement that includes at least two different substances formed of individual sections of a nonmetallic, softer-elastic material together with individual sections of another nonmetallic, however dimensionally stable and harder or rigid material. The individual sections in the reinforcement are interrupted and disposed intermittently each alternating one after the other along the direction of the reinforcement. The rigid portions form the clamping portions of the reinforcement. The soft elastic sections disposed between them lend flexibility to the reinforcement. Both contiguous sections are embedded into the soft material of the vehicle seal. In this manner, the vehicle seal is easier to process, dispose of and recycle. A method is also disclosed for making the seal.